

acceptance region and a delivery region;

a delivery element arranged to deliver the fibrous material web to said elastic transfer belt, wherein, during acceptance of the fibrous material web from said delivery element, said elastic transfer belt is arranged to travel at a same speed as or at only a slightly higher speed than said delivery element;

an accepting element arranged to accept the fibrous material web from said elastic transfer belt, wherein, during delivery of the fibrous material web to said accepting element, said transfer belt is arranged to travel with a same speed as or with only a slightly higher speed than said accepting element;

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a first guide roll arranged to drive said transfer belt in a zone of said accepting element;

a second guide roll arranged to drive said transfer belt in a zone of said delivery element;

wherein said first guide roll is structured and arranged to drive said transfer belt, in said zone of said accepting element, at a speed faster than a speed at which said second guide roll is structured and arranged to drive said transfer belt in said zone of said delivery element.

33. The apparatus in accordance with claim 32, wherein said transfer belt is structured and arranged to be stretched more in said zone of said accepting element than in said zone of said delivery element.---